

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Inpatient Christmas Card Appeal**

A Dudley hospital is overwhelmed after receiving more than 1,000 Christmas cards for patients in hospital on Christmas Day.

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust launched their inpatient Christmas card appeal on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, in which they asked members of the public to write an extra card for patients who can't be at home on Christmas Day.

The Trust has since received generous donations from local schools, including Church of the Ascension Primary School, Crestwood School and Sixth Form and Ridgewood High School, as well as from members of the public and members of staff.

Local libraries acted as collection points, as did other Trust sites in Brierley Hill, Stourbridge and Dudley.

Chief executive Diane Wake said: "We are completely blown away by the support we have received for this appeal. To say we have had more than 1,000 cards donated to us is absolutely amazing.

"Thank you to everyone who took the time to write a card, and a special thank you to our local schools and businesses for helping to make this appeal such a great success. The Dudley community really pulled together, and I can't wait to see all the beautiful cards we have received up around the wards."

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#### **Caption for photograph:**

Students at Crestwood School and Sixth Form with their donated Christmas cards.